

the issuance of the aforesaid certificate by the Secretary of State. A copy of such certificate duly certified by the Secretary of State shall be admissible in evidence in any such suit, action, or proceeding and shall be proof of the filing and contents thereof.

SEC. 6. *Election of Three Supervisors for Each District.* Within thirty days after the date of issuance by the Secretary of State of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district, nominating petitions may be filed with the State Soil Conservation Committee to nominate candidates for supervisors of such district. The committee shall have authority to extend the time within which nominating petitions may be filed. No such nominating petitions shall be accepted by the committee unless it shall be subscribed by twenty-five or more qualified voters of such district. Qualified voters may sign more than one such nominating petition to nominate more than one candidate for supervisor. The committee shall give due notice of an election to be held for the election of three supervisors for the district. The names of all nominees on behalf of whom such nominating petitions have been filed within the time herein designated, shall appear, arranged in the alphabetical order of the surnames, upon ballots, with a square before each name and a direction to insert an X mark in the square before any three names to indicate the voters preference. All qualified voters residing within the district shall be eligible to vote in such election. The three candidates who shall receive the largest number, respectively, of the votes cast in such election shall be elected supervisors for such district. The committee shall pay all the expenses of such election, shall supervise the conduct thereof, shall prescribe regulations governing the conduct of such election and the determination of the eligibility of voters therein, and shall publish the results thereof.

SEC. 7. *Appointment, Qualifications and Tenure of Supervisors.* The governing body of the district shall consist of five supervisors, elected or appointed as provided hereinabove. The two supervisors appointed by the committee shall be persons who are by training and experience qualified to perform the services which will be required of them in the performance of their duties hereunder.

The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may, from time to time, change such designation. The term of office of each supervisor shall be three years, except that the supervisors who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of one and two years, respectively, from the date of their appointment. A supervisor shall hold office until his successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. The selection of successors to fill an unexpired term, or for a full term, shall be made in the manner in which the retiring supervisors shall, respectively, have been selected. A

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district
supervisors.

Nominating
petitions.

Signatures of 25
or more voters
necessary.

Notice of election.

Ballots.

Eligible voters.

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of results.

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by committee.

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